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| Kozo I                 | Nakamura, et al.                | )        |                             |   |
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| For:                   | PRODUCTION METHOD FOR SILICON   | )        |                             | \ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \ |
|                        | SINGLE CRYSTAL AND PRODUCTION   | )        |                             | / '                                     |
|                        | DEVICE FOR SINGLE CRYSTAL INGOT | ,)       |                             | \                                       |
|                        | AND HEAT TREATING METHOD FOR    | )        |                             |   |
|                        | SILICON SINGLE CRYSTAL WATER    | )        |                             |   |
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Commissioner for Patents
"Attention: Box Amendment"
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Office Action of May 28, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the following Amendments and Remarks are in response thereto.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 6, 8 and 14-23. Please amend claim 7 and 9-11 as set forth below:

7. (Amended) A Czochralski method-based silicon single crystal production device, comprising, in a closed container, a crucible element which stores silicon melt, rotates and is vertically driven, a pulling element for pulling a silicon crystal ingot, while rotating, from said silicon melt, a heating element for hearing said crucible, and a heat shielding element for shielding radiating heat from said heating element,